

# MINUTES

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2003

The Arizona State Board of Education held a special joint meeting with the Arizona Board of Regents via videoconferencing; in Phoenix, Tucson, Flagstaff, and Parker. The meeting began at approximately 1:00 p.m.

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Wade McLean, Vice President  
Nadine Mathis-Basha  
Dr. Linda Arzoumanian  
Dr. Matthew A. Diethelm  
Evangelina Conkie Hoover  
Dr. Peter Likins

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Alvarez, President  
Catherine Kasper

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| I.   | CALL TO ORDER                         | 1:00PM |
| II.  | ROLL CALL                             | 1:03PM |
| III. | OPENING STATEMENTS/ GREETINGS         | 1:05PM |
| IV.  | BUSINESS REPORTS/ CHANGING DIRECTIONS |        |

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| <i>a.</i> | <i>ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS, PRESIDENT REPORT:</i> | <i>1:10PM</i> |
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President of the Arizona Board of Regents, Mr. Jack Jewett, reported on the Changing Directions initiative that the state university systems are implementing to address the pending concerns facing their future progress. Mr. Jewett further discussed the initiative plans under the commonality of quality, accessibility, affordability, and diversity.

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| <i>b.</i> | <i>ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY; PRESIDENT DR. MICHAEL CROW:</i> | <i>1:20PM</i> |
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President Dr. Michael Crow of Arizona State University (ASU) conveyed his plans for ASU's Changing Directions initiative. He discussed concepts of molding ASU into a metropolitan center for research by: 1) uniting the private and public sectors of business, 2) interfacing with Arizona's K-12 education system, 3) enhancing the link between the university and the Maricopa County community colleges, 4) utilizing the massive number of ASU's student populous, and 4) heightening the collaboration of ASU with all aspects of the surrounding community to ensure synergy. Finally, Dr. Crow spoke on California's university system and how every school with in this system has built a unique identity through their offered programs, and further, how each school is thoroughly intergraded into the community in which it resides. Dr. Crow relayed the potential of Arizona's university system to heed example from California and embrace the changes it has set forth. (Continued to page 2)

*c. NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY; PRESIDENT DR. JOHN HAEGER : 1:40PM*

President Dr. John Haeger of Northern Arizona University (NAU) reported on the University's Changing Directions plan. He discussed NAU's ability to expand its current structure and services by integrating new technology into its facilities. He further explained the university's residential education capabilities as NAU connects to many areas of Arizona through external sites and online courses. Dr. Haeger hopes to strengthen this feature of diversity and wide spanning accessibility through new programs, utilizing the capabilities of NAU. He further reported on the large numbers of adult reentrance into higher education that NAU optimizes through these offsite locations. Finally, NAU plans to integrate its accessibility to connect with Arizona's K-12 system to offer a new source of possible teachers.

*d. UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA; PRESIDENT DR. PETER LIKINS: 2:00PM*

President Dr. Peter Likins of the University of Arizona (UofA) discussed UofA's initiative on Changing Directions. Dr. Likins spoke about the University's plans of mission differentiation, as it takes advantage of its surrounding community and size. Dr. Likins further discussed the need of the University to look into its tuition requirements and the rapid decrease in state funding being allocated to state universities. UofA's initiative will focus on: 1) restructuring of programs and activities, 2) enhancing the University's relationship with its community, 3) utilizing the number of students enrolled in the University, and 4) progressing towards a unique stance in comparison to Arizona's other state universities. Finally, Dr. Likins explored the opportunity to tap into Federal funds to aid in the University of Arizona's mission of differentiation.

**V. UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS WITH K-12 EDUCATION**

*a. STATE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS WITH ABOR 2:20PM*

Vice-President of the Arizona State Board of Education, Dr. Wade McLean, led the discussion into the universities' relationships with Arizona's K-12 system.

- State Board Member Nadine Mathis-Basha asked the university presidents to respond to which university would take the lead in teacher preparation and whether they would all continue to have a role in this important area. ABOR President, Dr. Jack Jewett, offered that the Arizona university system does plan on expanding its focus and production of well-trained teachers, by offering diversified programs within the Colleges of Education and that in critical areas such as teacher preparation and nursing, all the universities would continue to offer programs. Dr. Crow conveyed his belief that ASU will expand its productivity by offering more diverse programs to students to ensure that everyone will find a niche of interest in the teaching profession. Dr. Haeger discussed NAU's ability to tap into various new markets for teachers throughout Arizona, by utilizing their massive external offsite and online courses and degree programs. Further, Dr. Likins reported on the University of Arizona and how the UofA will integrate all aspects of its college to recruit, train, and prepare new teachers, as they look to a P-20 scale.

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Finally, each university President agreed that preparation of teachers must be matched by an increase in compensation to maintain quality teachers and to ensure future teacher retention and recruitment. State Board Member Conkie Hoover shared Ms. Mathis Basha's emphasis on the need for quality teacher preparation programs throughout the state and expressed a need to increase teacher salaries.

- State Board Member Dr. Matt Diethelm stated the importance of the communication between the universities and the K-12 system on issues of critical importance and shared interest. Dr. Diethelm requested that the lines of communication between the university Colleges of Education and the State Board of Education be open to share ideas and that the Colleges of Education have the capacity to assist in gathering research and data in the development of policies for K-12 education.
- State Board Member and Pima County School Superintendent, Dr. Linda Arzoumanian asked whether the community colleges had been involved in these discussions with the universities and if consideration had been given to the community colleges providing residential housing for students? She stated the need for such consideration exists due to the high number of rural students who begin their education at a community college and they need living assistance. Regent President Jack Jewett responded that the Regents and University Presidents were meeting with the community colleges just as they were the K-12 community to discuss issues that would affect both entities as the Changing Directions Initiative progresses.
- Superintendent Tom Horne discussed his vision for the direction of Arizona's education system. Superintendent Horne reported on two major issues the Department will focus on: 1) AIMS and School Labeling, and 2) Diploma and graduation requirements. He expressed an interest to work with the Regents and the Universities as the issue of differentiated diplomas is discussed and for the universities to consider granting admission and possibly financial aid to students who were awarded a higher-level diploma (such as a Regents Diploma in New York). Superintendent Horne shared Ms. Hoover's concern about directly more money into the classroom and stated that during the current state budget crisis we need to focus on existing resources and address the issue of moving dollars out of administration and into the classroom and teacher pay.

VI. ADJOURN

2:35PM

Dr. Jack Jewett and Dr. Wade McLean adjourned the joint meeting between the Arizona Board of Regents and the Arizona State Board of Education at 2:35 pm.